

Recollections of a Hamburger

Local author, Christel Behnke Gehlert, was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1941, less than two years before the heaviest assault in the history of



aerial warfare—later called the Hiroshima of Germany by British officials. Her recently published memoir, *Recollections of a Hamburger*, intimately captures one young woman's coming-of-age during her nation's recovery from war and reveals how the power of memory shapes our lives forever.

Christel Behnke Gehlert is a retired teacher of German, intercultural communication, and English as a Second Language. She resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she was instrumental in establishing a sister cities relationship between Fort Wayne and Gera, Germany. She is also an active

member of the German Heritage Society.

Signed copies of her book will be available for purchase during her appearances at Germanfest.

Meet local German-born author Christel Behnke Gehlert at the following Germanfest events:

- **Tuesday, June 3rd**

6:30 pm Artlink, 437 E. Berry, Reception and reading of select passages from her recently published book

- **Thursday, June 5th**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Germanfest Culture Tent, Festival Plaza-Headwaters Park, Meet the Author

- **Friday, June 6th**

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Glenbrook Square – Book Signing

- **Saturday, June 7th**

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Germanfest Culture Tent, Festival Plaza – Headwaters Park, Meet the Author